

CHAPTER 7 BACKGROUND OF COMPLAINANTS

BY COUNCIL DISTRICT

The Office of the Independent Police Auditor utilizes a Voluntary Questionnaire to request information about the statistical background of complainants. The sole purpose of the Voluntary Questionnaire is to monitor statistical trends in an effort to better serve the complainant and the community. This survey was implemented in April 1995. There are seven questions in the survey. The complainants provided information such as their occupation, educational level, ethnicity, primary language, gender, age range, and what led the complainant to either the IPA or the PSCU. An effort is made to collect a questionnaire from every complainant. Thus, there may be more questionnaires than complaints received in a time period because each complaint may have more than one complainant. The statistical background of the complainants is presented by Council District, which indicates the location where the incident leading to the complaint occurred.

A. GENDER OF THE COMPLAINANTS

Illustration No. 13 identifies the gender of the complainants by Council Districts for the period of January 1 through December 31, 1997. Data was rounded off to the nearest percentage.

Illustration #13: *Gender of the Complainants by Council District*

Council Districts	Gender	
	Male	Female
1 JOHNSON	16	7
2 POWERS	14	6
3 PANDORI	89	32
4 FERNANDES	10	6
5 DIAZ	27	20
6 FISCALINI	24	12
7 SHIRAKAWA, JR.	17	22
8 WOODY	13	5
9 DIQUISTO	18	9
10 DANDO	13	7
Unknown/Outside City Limits	7	5
Total Complainants	248	131
%	65%	35%

B. ETHNICITY OF THE COMPLAINANTS

Illustration No. 14 displays the ethnicity of the complainants by Council Districts for the period of January 1 through December 31, 1997. Data was rounded off to the nearest percentage.

Illustration #14: *Ethnicity of Complainants by Council District*

Council Districts	Ethnicity								
	African American	Asian American	European American	Filipino American	Hispanic Latino	Native American	Vietnamese	Other	Decline
1 JOHNSON	2	2	8	0	0	0	1	3	7
2 POWERS	2	0	7	0	2	0	0	1	8
3 PANDORI	14	0	22	1	48	3	1	10	22
4 FERNANDES	1	0	3	3	4	0	0	1	4
5 DIAZ	7	0	5	1	16	1	1	5	11
6 FISCALINI	5	0	11	1	10	0	0	1	8
7 SHIRAKAWA, JR.	2	2	5	0	16	1	3	3	7
8 WOODY	5	0	0	0	10	0	0	2	1
9 DIQUISTO	1	1	10	0	6	1	0	2	6
10 DANDO	3	0	4	0	2	1	0	2	8
Unknown/Outside City Limits	1	0	2	0	1	2	0	2	4
Total Complainants	43	5	77	6	115	9	6	32	86
%	11%	1%	20%	2%	30%	2%	2%	8%	23%

C. AGE OF THE COMPLAINANTS

Illustration No. 15 lists the age of the complainants by Council Districts for the period of January 1 through December 31, 1997. Data was rounded off to the nearest percentage.

Illustration #15: *Age Of the Complainants by Council District*

Council Districts	Age				
	Under 18	18-30	31-59	60+	Decline
1 JOHNSON	0	4	12	0	7
2 POWERS	1	2	9	0	8
3 PANDORI	0	41	54	4	22
4 FERNANDES	0	5	7	0	4
5 DIAZ	1	19	16	0	11
6 FISCALINI	2	5	20	0	9
7 SHIRAKAWA, JR.	0	6	24	2	7
8 WOODY	2	6	8	1	1
9 DIQUISTO	0	6	15	0	6
10 DANDO	0	2	10	1	7
Unknown/Outside City Limits	0	6	2	0	4
Total Complainants	6	102	177	8	86
%	2%	27%	47%	2%	23%

D. EDUCATIONAL LEVEL OF THE COMPLAINANTS

Illustration No. 16 lists the education level of the complainants by Council Districts for the period of January 1 through December 31, 1997. Only six complainants indicated having an education level below high school. Data was rounded off to the nearest percentage.

Illustration #16: *Educational Level of Complainants by Council District*

Council Districts	Educational Level			
	High School or below	College	Graduate	Decline
1 JOHNSON	4	9	3	7
2 POWERS	2	8	1	9
3 PANDORI	34	47	12	28
4 FERNANDES	4	6	1	5
5 DIAZ	23	13	0	11
6 FISCALINI	8	13	5	10
7 SHIRAKAWA, JR.	15	16	0	8
8 WOODY	10	5	1	2
9 DIQUISTO	11	7	3	6
10 DANDO	6	4	3	7
Unknown/Outside City Limits	3	5	0	4
Total Complainants	120	133	29	97
%	32%	35%	8%	26%

E. OCCUPATION OF THE COMPLAINANTS

Illustration No. 17 lists the occupation of the complainants for the period of January 1 through December 31, 1997.

Illustration #17: *Occupation of Complainants*

Occupation					
Administration	18	Homemaker	15	Services	45
Artist	10	Laborer	52	Student	25
City or Govt. Employee	4	Professional	43	Technical	25
Decline	103	Retired	8	Unemployed	8
Disabled	4	Self-employed	19		